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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.